## **FISCAL NOTE**

## SB 295 - HB 284

March 16, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds rape of a child and aggravated rape of a child to the felonies included in the felony-murder statute. The offense of rape is currently included in the felony-murder statute. Requires misdemeanor probation officers to determine whether a new offender assigned to them is included on the sex offender registry and to report such status to the sentencing judge.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Rape is a lesser included offense of rape of a child and aggravated rape of a child. Since rape is an offense that is already included as an element of felony-murder, specifying rape of a child and aggravated rape of a child will have no impact on the applicability of the felony-murder statute.
- Requiring the misdemeanor probation officers to check the sex offender registry database and to notify the sentencing judge if the defendant is registered will not have a significant fiscal impact on local governments.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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